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written; and

a state-designating conductive member provided on a surface of the supporting card designating a state of said storage medium means in which writing information to the storage medium means is permitted or prohibited, wherein a write-permitting or a write-inhibiting [signal] state is [produced] indicated by said state-designating conductive member.

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4. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said supporting card is nonconductive and said state-designating conductive member is conductive to [designate] indicate that said writing information is prohibited.

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8. (Amended) An information storage apparatus comprising:

a storage medium in which information can be written; and

a support member incorporating said storage medium, the support member having a first portion on a main surface thereof where an external connection terminal electrically connected to said storage medium is provided, and a second portion on said main surface, where a state-designating member for designating a state in which writing of information to the storage medium is permitted or prohibited is provided, and wherein a write-permitting or a write-inhibiting [signal] state is [produced] indicated by said state-designating member.

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12. (Amended) The information storage apparatus according to claim 8, wherein said first portion where said external connection terminal is provided is formed in a first recess on the main surface of said support member and said second portion where said state-designating

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member for designating a state in which writing of information is permitted or prohibited is provided is formed in a second recess on the main surface of said support member.

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15. (Amended) The information storage apparatus according to claim 11, wherein said first portion where said external connection terminal is provided is formed in a first recess on the main surface of said support member and said second portion where said state-designating member for designating a state in which writing of information is permitted or prohibited is provided is formed in a second recess on the main surface of said support member.

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18. (Amended) An information storage apparatus comprising:  
a storage medium in which information can be written; and  
a support member incorporating said storage medium, the support member having a first portion on a main surface thereof where an external connection terminal electrically connected to said storage medium is provided, and a second portion on said main surface, adapted for providing thereon a state-designating member for designating a state in which writing of information to the storage medium is permitted or prohibited, wherein[,] a write-permitting or a write-inhibiting [signal] state is [produced] indicated by said state-designating member.

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22. (Amended) The information storage apparatus according to claim 18, wherein said first portion where said external connection terminal is provided is formed in a first recess on the main surface of said support member and said second portion adapted to be provided with said